

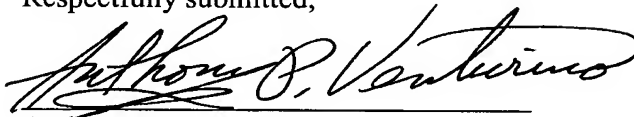
REMARKS

The claims have been amended to delete the multiple dependent claim status. No new matter is presented by the above amendments. Claim 18 was amended to include a feature from former base Claim 17. Claim 19 was amended to include a feature from former base Claim 12. Claim 20 was amended to include features from former base Claim 17. Claim 21 was amended to include a feature from former base Claim 20. Claim 22 was amended to include some features from former base Claims 14, 17 and 20. Claim 24 was amended to include some features from former base claim 7. Claim 25 was amended to include some features from former base Claim 20. New Claims 29-31 are supported as is original Claim 9. New Claim 32 is supported as is original Claim 17.

Early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT I -

Abstract

The invention relates to an emergency release device for a building closure operator for decoupling a motorized building closure from a motor operator assembly under emergency conditions. To diminish the risk of injury by free-fall of a decoupled building closure wing by a simple and cost-effective design the invention proposes providing a safety or securing means which safeguards or secures the emergency release device against unintentional or unauthorized actuation.